



# SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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## FATAL STRUCTURE FIRE AT 827 LAKEVIEW ST.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 827 Lakeview St. at approximately 7 a.m. this morning. The initial report of a fire was called in by citizens who saw smoke coming from the structure. While conducting search and rescue operations, firefighters found one person deceased in the home. The name and age of that individual are not being released at this time pending notification of family members. There were no other occupants in the home at the time of the fire.

The first units arrived within five minutes of receiving the call and found thick smoke coming from the home. Crews found heavy fire in a bedroom and were able to contain the fire within 10 minutes of arrival. One firefighter did fall from the first floor down to the basement during firefighting operations, but was not injured.

Approximately 25 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Tower 1, Medic 801, & Medic 802) and the Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department (Air 9) responded to the call. Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department Tanker 9 provided staffing to cover additional calls within the City of Salem.

The fire remains under investigation by the Salem Fire & EMS Fire Marshal's Office. If warranted, additional information will be released once the investigation is complete.

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